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About PJLA

- Private Accreditation Body, established in 1999, located in Troy, Michigan
- Current Accreditation Programs–ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and DoD ELAP, EPA NLLAP
- Upcoming Accreditation Programs–Field Site Sampling & Measurement Organizations (FSMO)–TNI Volume 1 and 2, Reference Material Producers–ISO Guide 34
- PJLA is a MRA Signatory of the ILAC and APLAC MRA for both testing and calibration
- Nationally recognized by the following: EPA–Lead Testing Program and Energy Star Program, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Navy–Calibration Program, EDQW-DoD ELAP

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- Total Accredited Labs 326–Testing/Calibration
 - 17025-Testing–120
 - 17025-Calibration–191
 - 17025 & DoD ELAP–14 (5 Pending)
 - 17025 and EPA NLLAP–1
 - Pending Accreditations–59 (due to recent assessment, pending corrective action, etc.)

PJLA 2010–2011 Activities

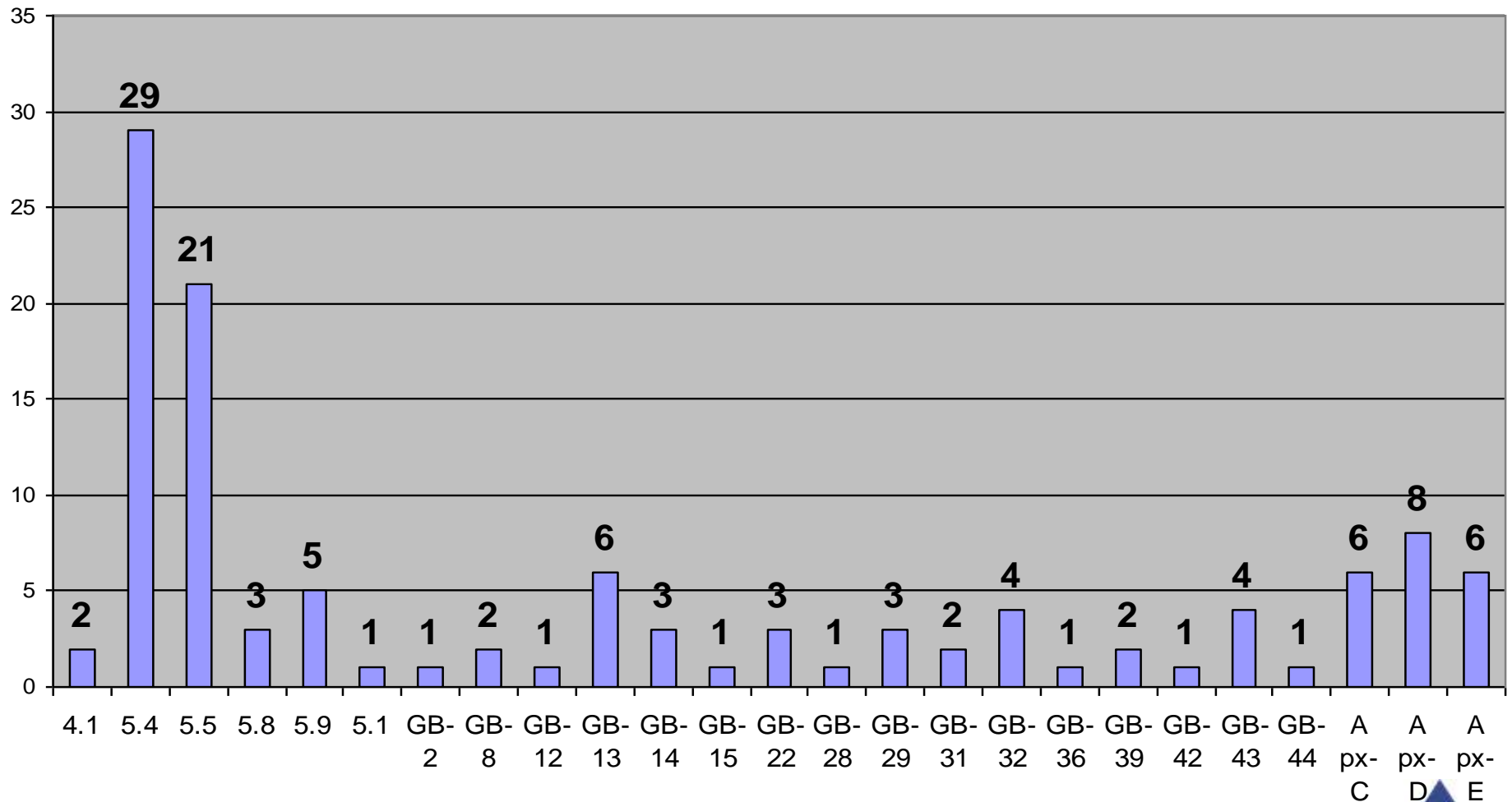
- Continue to accredit new DoD ELAP laboratories
- Conduct surveillance assessments on laboratories accredited in 2009
 - Review of previous findings
 - Review of LOD/LOQ Data
 - Review of PT activities/data
 - General review of laboratory mgt. system
- Conduct reassessments on laboratories expiring this year
 - Full system assessment similar to accreditation assessment



DoD ELAP Assessment Findings 2010

Based on Accreditation and Surveillance Assessments

Total Number of Findings-88 (117 various categories)



Analysis of Findings 2009 vs. 2010

- 17025 Requirements
 - Section 4.0—decrease of overall findings from 2009–2010
 - Section 5.0–5.4 and 5.5 continue to be the most common areas for a finding
- Gray Box Requirements
 - Slight increase in findings from 2009. Gray Boxes 13, 32, and 34 continue to be the most common areas for a finding
- Appendix (C–G)
 - Appendix D continues to be the most common area for a finding

DoD ELAP Assessment Feedback

- Laboratories are improving in regards to quality management system activities from last year. However, it is recommended that laboratories should focus more on ensuring corrective action taken from prior assessments are being followed through. These are followed-up on every year.
- Ensure LOD/LOQ(s) are completed quarterly.
- Ensure PT studies are occurring as required.
- Ensure corrective action responses are sufficient.
- Submit corrective action in enough time to allow your assessment team time to respond and provide feedback.

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